

VIP Boats Bluewater 186CCF (2007-)

Brief Summary

Test Power-- 1 x 90-hp Honda 4-Stroke Outboard

Best Cruise-- 11.5 mph @ 3500 rpm

WOT-- 35.6 mph @ 6070 rpm

The VIP 186 CCF is a simple, but versatile all composite boat that can be just as happy running from fishing spot to fishing spot as it is cruising the beaches and towing your favorite water toy. This model is rated for up to 130-hp outboards and I found it to run quite well with the Honda 90-hp four-stroke. The 186 is easy to clean and easy to tow to your favorite lake, river or bay.

Price

Base Price

Prices, features, designs, and equipment are subject to change. Please see your local dealer or visit the builder's website for the latest information available on this boat model.

Key Features

- All composite construction
- Welded bow rails
- Bow pulpit
- Rod storage on both sides
- Aerated livewell in console
- Console lean back cushion
- Flip/flop seat with ice chest
- Bow anchor locker
- Welded stern rails
- Trailer

Test Results

RPM	MPH	Knots	GPH	MPG	NMPG	STAT. MILE	NM	dBa
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660	2.5	2.1	0.3	8.17	7.1	338	294	59
1000	3.7	3.2	0.4	9.13	7.93	378	329	68
1500	5	4.3	0.7	7.62	6.62	315	274	68
2000	6.2	5.3	1	6.15	5.35	255	221	69
2500	7.1	6.1	1.5	4.86	4.23	201	175	74
3000	8	6.9	2.5	3.18	2.77	132	114	88
3500	11.5	10	3.6	3.18	2.77	132	115	79
4000	18.7	16.2	3.9	4.84	4.21	201	174	89
4500	24.1	20.9	6	4.04	3.51	167	146	87
5000	27.9	24.2	7.1	3.95	3.44	164	142	88
5500	31.7	27.5	8.1	3.91	3.4	162	141	89
6070	35.6	31	9.1	3.91	3.4	162	141	90

[View the test results in metric units](#)

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Specifications

Length Overall	18' 9"
BEAM	94"
Dry Weight	1,260 lbs.

Tested Weight	
Draft	N/A
Draft Up	
Draft Down	
Air Draft	
Deadrise/Transom	16 deg.
Max Headroom	open
Bridge Clearance	N/A
Weight Capacity	
Person Capacity	
Fuel Capacity	46 gal.
Water Capacity	none
Length on Trailer	
Height on Trailer	
Trailer Weight	
Total Weight	
Aft Deck	

Salon Inside Width	
Salon Fore & Aft	
Salon Height	
Salon Volume	
Galley Volume	
Master SR Width	
Master SR fore & Aft	
Master SR Overhead	
Master SR Volume	
Eng. Room Volume	

Acceleration Times & Conditions

Time to Plane	5.2 sec.
0 to 20	
Ratio	2.33 : 1
Props	Solas Honda 13 X 15 X 4 Aluminum
Load	2 persons, 1/4 fuel, no water, min, gear
Climate	79 deg.; 52% humid.; wind: 10-15 MPH; seas; moderate chop

A Fine Combination-- VIP 186 CCF & Honda's 90-hp Four-Stroke Engine

By Capt. Bob Smith

Lake Lanier proved to be a great lake to test Honda's new outboards and the VIP 186 CCF with the new Honda 90-hp engine on her stern were a great combination. This all composite construction boat makes a wonderful center console runabout that is fun whether you are using it as a tender or the kids are using it to cruise their favorite water hang-out. It is a versatile boat that covers fishing, skiing, and cruising fun.

Bow Fishing Features

Starting at the bow, the VIP 186 CCF has an anchor pulpit, wrap-around rails and anchor locker to keep the anchor and line stowed. The foredeck is a very stable casting deck. Rather than split this space and create two compartments below deck, this one features a massive hatch to an equally large storage space below. If you find yourself out after dark or start out early in the mornings, the 186 has courtesy deck lights to cast safe light across the deck. One of the fishing features on this boat is the helm front bench seat that has an aerated livewell inside. On the side of the helm is the fuel filler cap.

At the Helm

Moving back to the helm, the seat is a convenient flip-flop back style that creates a good double wide bench seat for the driver when you are heading out, or for someone to relax and watch off the stern of the boat when you are at anchor. Beneath this seat, our boat had a cooler to bring along the beverages and snacks for the day on the water.

On the dash, the driver has a fixed position rack-and-pinion stainless steel wheel, although you could opt for the Bay Star Hydraulic if you power with the larger engines, but I didn't feel it was necessary with the smooth operating 90-hp Honda. A stainless steel grab rail encompassed the wrap-around windshield so you can safely stand next to the driver and have a solid hold while trolling. The dash top is large and has a dedicated spot for a compass built in. Since we had the Honda power, our test model featured the optional Honda digital gauge package. Rocker power control switches are grouped to the right of the wheel. The center console offers some room below the dash for storage as well as easy access to the wiring harness in the dash for adding in your favorite extras.

Continuing to the Stern

The 186 uses great aggressive grip surfaces on the horizontal features like the step-in so you have sure footing, even when the boat is damp from the early morning dew. A couple rod holders are towards the center so you can troll some lines over the cover below and tease the fish out and another fishing feature on board is the under-gunwale fishing rod racks on the sides. The rear seats are removable which make clean up a snap. Welded stern rails offer great hand holds. The battery is situated behind a cover in the center making it easy to check.

Specifications

The VIP 186 CCF measures 18'9" length overall. She has a beam width of 94" and weighs approximately 1260 lbs without the engine. On the standard single axle trailer, she measures 22'8" and has a towing weight of 2800 lbs. This model has a fuel capacity of 46 gallons. VIP recommends engine packages from

90-hp to 115-hp with a maximum rated power of 130-hp.

Test Results

I tested the VIP 186 CCF on Lake Lanier in Georgia on an early fall day with two people on board. She handled quite smoothly and it seems the 90-hp Honda 4-stroke is well suited for this model. The back seat positions did get some spray, but otherwise, she was a smooth dry ride. The VIP 186 CCF is a great choice for center console fishing, skiing, and all-round fun.